Village planners look at freeway issue Monday

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If the Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee subtitled its meetings, Mondays would be called "Freeways."

That's because there will be presentations on how emergency personnel respond to hazardous material spills on freeways; plans to add more lanes to Interstate 10 at the Broadway curve; an update on the South Mountain Loop 202 planning and a discussion on the letters sent to city and state officials asking tough questions about the Loop 202.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Pecos Park Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.

The hazardous materials topic was included on the agenda after some planning committee members questioned how Phoenix and other emergency services would respond to a hypothetical hazardous materials spill on the proposed Loop 202. With a limited number of east/west roads and large populations, there was concern that a spill could impact a large number of people and divert vehicles onto surface streets not designed to carry large volumes of traffic.

The planning committee meetings are open to the public.

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